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1. SUMMARY. A THREE DAY "NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF LAST YEAR'S POLYTECHNION UPRISING WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 22-24 UNDER AUSPICES OF MARXIST-ORIENTED STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WITH SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF DRAMATIZING CONDEMNATION OF U.S. AND NATO ASSOCIATION WITH GREECE. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL ATHENIAN NEWSPAPERS NOVEMBER 21 WITH EXCEPTION ELEFTHEROS COSMOS DEVOTED FRONTPAGE ATTENTION TO CALENDAR OF POLYTECHNION EVENTS AND OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE OF STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WHICH EXPLAINS PURPOSES OF THREE-DAY COMMEMORATION SET FOR THIS WEEKEND.

3. A NUMBER OF ART SHOWS, DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS, MUSICALS, AND POPULAR EXHIBITS WILL TAKE PLACE ON CAMPUSES AND IN OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN ATHENS CULMINATING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24 IN A MASS GATHERING
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AT POLYTECHNION FOR WHICH HOUR STILL UNANNOUNCED.

RALLY WILL CONCLUDE WITH STREET PARADES IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS IN ATHENS.

4. THE RATIONALE FOR THE POLYTECHNION CELEBRATION HAS BEEN GIVEN DISTINCT POLITICAL COLORATION BY ORGANIZING STUDENT COMMITTEE, PRIMARILY LEFTIST ORIENTED, WHICH SAID SPECIFIC PURPOSES WILL BE TO ENCOURAGE ARREST AND EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT OF ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR APRIL 21, NOVEMBER 17 AND JULY 15; TO FIGHT FOR THE DEFINITE REMOVAL FROM GREECE OF ALL AMERICAN AND NATO BASES AND THE COMPLETE DEPARTURE OF GREECE FROM NATO ONCE AND FOR ALL; AND TO SETTLE THE CYPRUS ISSUE IN ACCORD WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. THE STATEMENT CONTAINED SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CHARGES AGAINST U.S. "IMPERIALISM" AND OFFERED SPECIAL GRATITUDE ON EVE OF POLYTECHNION CEREMONIES TO BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF STUDENTS YEAR AGO, FOR DEMOCRATIC DOCTORS WHO OFFERED SERVICES TO INJURED, AND TO PEOPLE OF TOWN OF MEGARA FOR STOUTLY DEFENDING THEIR FARM LANDS AGAINST A JUNTA GRAB SHORT TIME BEFORE POLYTECHNION DEMONSTRATION.

5. IN SIGNED EDITORIAL TITLED "EIGHTEEN ONLY" NOVEMBER 21 ELENI VLACHOU EXPLORED THE MEANING OF THE POLYTECHNION EVENT FOR GREECE. HER THEME WAS THAT THE EXACT NUMBER OF THOSE WHO DIED YEAR AGO WAS NOT OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE; WHAT MATTERED WAS THE GRAVE CRIME OF THE ARMY IN ATTACKING WITH TANKS UNARMED YOUNGSTERS; THAT THE ARMY USED "THE TANKS OF NATO WHICH HAD BEEN OFFERED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THIS DANGEROUS MISSION ... ADMIRAL RICHARD GOLBERT, THE COMMANDER OF THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN FORCES, WAS IN ATHENS IN THOSE VERY DAYS, PICTURED IN THE GREEK PRESS SHAKING THE HAND OF MR. PAPADOPOULOS IN A GREETING OF UNUSUAL WARMTH." MRS. VLACHOU HAD HARSH WORDS FOR FORMER PM MARKEZINIS WHOM SHE SAID HISTORY WILL EVENTUALLY JUDGE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF EXTERMINATING CHILDREN. AS FOR THE HEROES OF THE POLYTECHNION, SHE CONCLUDED:

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"THEY WERE THE ONES WHO GAVE THEIR INSPIRATION TO THE ADULTS; THEY WERE THE ONES WHO TORE ASIDE THE CURTAIN OF SO-CALLED CALM, PEACE, ORDER AND SERENITY, THE SCRREN BEHIND WHICH ANXIETY AND SHAME WERE LIVING."

6. MEANWHILE THOUSANDS OF ATHENIANS THROUGH THIS WEEK CONTINUE TO VISIT THE POLYTECHNION CAMPUS IN PRIVATE TRIBUTE. GREEKS OF VARYING POLITICAL VIEWS HAVE EMBRACED

AND APPROPRIATED THE POLYTECHNION UPRISING IN INTEREST OF
RESOTRING NATIONAL DIGNITY. MORE PAROCHIAL INTERESTS
ARE ALSO BEING SERVED AS VARIOUS POLITICAL FACTIONS
RANGING FROM MONARCHIST TO MARXIST EXPLOIT THE SYMBOL
FOR DIVERSE PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. IN LATTER SENSE
EXTREME LEFT IS ATTEMPTING TO PERVERT THE FIRST NATIONAL
COMMEMORATION BY GIVING IT AN ANTI-AMERICAN THRUST WHICH
WILL PIT "PERFIDIOUS AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS" AGAINST THE
MARTYRED STUDENTS.
IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GREEK ELECTORATE'S RESOUNDING
VOTE IN FAVOR OF POLITICAL MODERATION, THERE IS REASON
TO HOPE THAT THIS THEME WILL NOT STRIKE MANY SPARKS.
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